

Remarks

The specification stands objected to because the abstract of the disclosure should be in a separate page.

The specification has been amended.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

The indication that claims 5-10 and 16-17 and 20 are directed towards allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1-4, 11-12, 13-15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Zuk *et al.* (US 6,725,079).

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 18 have been amended.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19 and 20 remain in the application unamended.

Specification

As noted above, the abstract of the disclosure has been presented on a separate page. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are, accordingly, requested.

Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 5. In light of the indication that claim 5 is directed to allowable subject matter, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 has been placed in independent form such that it includes all of the limitations of claim 1 as previously presented. In light of the indication that claim 6 is directed to allowable subject matter, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6 are respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been placed in independent form such that it includes all of the limitations of claim 1 as previously presented. In light of the indication that claim 8 is

directed to allowable subject matter, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8 are respectfully requested.

Claim 13 has been amended to include all of the limitations associated with claim 16. In light of the indication that claim 16 is directed to allowable subject matter, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 13 are respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been amended to place it in independent form. Claim 15 is directed to a method of magnetic resonance comprising: generating a main magnetic field through an imaging region; overlaying gradient magnetic fields onto the main magnetic field; exciting magnetic resonance in selected dipoles of at least a portion of a subject located in the imaging region; receiving and demodulating the magnetic resonance; and interrogating at least one radio frequency transponder to indicate a location of a physical object with which it is associated wherein the interrogating step includes: interrogating additional radio frequency transponders associated with additional objects, each transponder reporting a unique identity as set forth in claim 15.

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action has not identified any teaching or suggestion in the prior art of record wherein the interrogating step includes: interrogating additional radio frequency transponders associated with additional objects, each transponder reporting a unique identity. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 are respectfully requested.

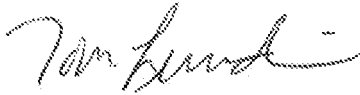
Claims 5, 14, and 18 have been amended so that they properly depend from the claims as amended.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-20 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any extension of time is required relative to this Response A, Applicants hereby petition for such extension. Authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for the fees associated therewith or otherwise necessary in connection with the related application is hereby provided.

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